COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 30, 2013

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Authorization to Contract with Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc.

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a memorandum and proposed resolution pertaining to the establishment of a 2014 contract with the Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc. (FCAN).

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Compeer West, Inc. d.b.a Compeer of Greater Buffalo will be transferred to the Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc., for fiscal year 2014 to ensure the uninterrupted provision of services by the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

If your Honorable Body requires any further information, please contact Commissioner Ellery Reaves at the Department of Mental Health. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

cc: Commissioner Ellery Reaves

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Mental Health
Re: Authorization to Contract with Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc.
Date: December 30, 2013

SUMMARY

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Compeer West, Inc. will be transferred to the Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc. for fiscal year 2014 to ensure the uninterrupted provision of services by the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for this action is derived entirely from New York State Office of Mental Health and New York State Office of Children and Family Services. These funds, originally budgeted for Compeer West, Inc. are now being transferred to the Families' Child Advocacy Network, Inc. as an independent organization. No additional funding is necessary for this proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc. (FCAN) has operated as a division of Compeer West, Inc. and will operate independently for fiscal year 2014. FCAN provides family support to families within Erie County. FCAN's purpose is to ensure access to needed support, information and services to youth and families with emotional, behavioral, and/or social disabilities. The proposed resolution assures that services will remain uninterrupted to families who are currently being served or are in need of services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This is a transfer of funding from Compeer West, Inc. to the Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc. to provide family support services through the Erie County Department of Mental Health. The intention is to administer and execute an independent contract to support family driven services within the Erie County Children's System of Care (ECCSOC) to families with children who have disabilities or behavioral challenges.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this action would jeopardize the support and advocacy to youth and families who are receiving or are in need of advocacy support on behalf of their children who are involved in the Erie County Children's System of Care.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

An Erie County Department of Mental Health contract with Families' Child Advocacy Network, Inc, will be executed and the Department will oversee this provider's program operations, performance goals and contract compliance activities.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Re: Authorization to Contract with Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc.

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental health and chemical dependency services for the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been allocated New York State Aid funding in the amount of $521,501 by the New York State Office of Mental Health and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to provide Family Support Services to youth and families involved in the Erie County Children's System of Care; and

WHEREAS, the original budget appropriation was allocated to Compeer West Inc. (d.b.a Compeer of Greater Buffalo) and is now being transferred to the Families' Child Advocacy Network Inc. as an independent organization; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are necessary for this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with the Families' Child Advocacy Network, Inc. for the period January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $521,501 for the provision of family support services, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized in the 2014 Budget of the Department of Mental Health,

Fund Center 12410 - Mental Health Program Administration

	Increase/(Decrease)
Acct. 517571 - Compeer West SOC	(521,501)
Acct. 517608 - Families' Child Advocacy Network	521,501
Total	0

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget and Management.